

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 87

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 10, Battin. Tribal gaming.

This measure would urge the Governor to execute a tribal-state gaming compact with the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians.

WHEREAS, Existing federal law, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, provides for the negotiation and execution of tribal-state gaming compacts for the purpose of authorizing certain gaming activities on Indian lands within a state; and

WHEREAS, California law expressly ratifies specified tribal-state gaming compacts; and

WHEREAS, The Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians desire to enter into a tribal-state compact with the State of California to allow the tribe to benefit from the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act; and

WHEREAS, The Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians should be given the same rights as other federally recognized tribes in California who have entered into compacts with the state and have enjoyed the economic boon brought by gaming; and

WHEREAS, The Torres Martinez Tribe, like other tribes in California, is comprised of proud people whose rich cultural heritage has enabled them to endure countless hardships; and

WHEREAS, The Torres Martinez Tribe deserves an opportunity to provide new resources and opportunities for its people; and

WHEREAS, The request of the Torres Martinez Tribe for the same tribal-state compact that has been granted to 61 other California tribes should be honored at this time; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Governor remedy this situation immediately by executing a tribal-state compact with the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor.

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